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# World Labor Rallies Behind Strike of Six Million Workers in Britain Workers, as well as other unions in-

CHICAGO, MAY 15, 1926.

# Huge Muscle Shoals Steal Impends-**Billions in Private Profits Seen**

.... I'nited States Senate by a large v Serned down Senator Norris' plan provide gevernment ownership and opit. . a of the great government-built gress and plants at Muscle Shoals, 

New comes Senator Deneen with a the time second of the Muscle private company to but its rates from property to a coalition of 10 to 5 cents a kilowart hour. othern utility interests organized as Muscle Shoals Fertilizer company the Muscle Shoals Power Disthis company.

a meter Detteen was chairman of the maintee of senators and repthe bids. pup of the six senators of the comwhich taxored the lease which Senaand an hill would grant. Represo ve storm (a good name for a is sent of capitalism) of Pennsyla member of the committee, second an identical bill in the

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COLORADSING BY A PRIVATE **EXAMPLE ALBEADY OWNED AND** DOF THE LEASE.

baletin demanding the public the Colorado river. n of this vast resource, Judson [1]. The war department engineers, it is constive secretary of the Popul Stated, now estimate the yearly power sornment League, says that this corput of Wilson dam at Muscle store profit is based on the best Shoals, when in full operation, at relive profit figures available, 790000000 primary and 1.4500000,000 on these are cut in half to make secondary knowner hears, a total of

Could Slash Prices That these other companies can cut present rates in half and still make a profit has been preved, the buildtin asserts, by the fact that a small municipal plant in Cleveland forced the

In the eight mouths that the Ala-bama Power Co. has been buying power from the government already, the bulletin asserts, it has been able to buy at 2 mills a kilowatt hour. while it continues to sell its power at 812 cents to consumers. This, it is asserted, undoubtedly explains why the company earned almost 50 cents-

net income on every dollar's worth of net yearly profit of \$4,380,000." electricity sold in 1925. Even though some estimates figure it will cost the government as much hour of energy when the plant is m

there is no sound financial excise for planned to lease the plant would reach the people of the south to pay the the billion and a third figure cited. power companies from 8 to 14 cents. Acual get \$1.36,000,000 from 4 to 6 mills at the plant to make," i among the power interests are con-inc and it gets it going. Ameri-

#### What It Really Costs

According to the experience of the future. It points out also that the publicly owned Hydro-Power Co. in sovernment already has been operat-Ontario and to the testimony of had ing the plant for eight mouths. THE NAVGONAL POPULAR GOV-Ing engineers, the bulletin aeserts. "Notwithstanding the vociferons EENNENT REAGUE IN WASHING-power can be transmitted 300 miles projuganda of many senators and rep-TON WOULD YIELD PRIVATE for about 3 mills a kilowatt. The On- | resentatives," it adds, "that Uncle Sam tario company, it is asserted, sends can do nothing successfully, it is not power from its great plant at Niagara of record that Gen. Taylor and May.

OUNTION OF THIS GREAT miles, for less than 3 cents, while the plant, have done a bad job." Prof. W. F. Durand of Leland Stanford WTE IF BY THE GOVERNMENT university, president of the American 10 CONSTITUTE A CLEAR Society of Mechanical Engineers, has W. OF AT LEAST A BILLION | testified that it would cost 3 mills per "IS DURING THE FIRST | kilowart to transmit for 300 miles from the proposed Boulder canyon dam in

and steam, sold about 5,500,000,000 kilowatt hours in 1924 at an average price of 212 cents a kilowatt hour. This cost, it is added, covered genera-

I tion, transmission, distribution and fixed charges and profits. The profits | ing. useful work -useful to themamounted, according to the engineers. to about 4 mills per kilowatt hour. "To be safe," the bulletin adds, "let

us make the violent assumption that it will cost as much to generate energy at Muscle Shoals by water both steam and water. Let us cut that 4 mills profit in half and make it 2 mills. At full capacity, this means a

Fifty-Year Total When interest at 6 per cent, cont-

annual profit, the builtetin asserts, the another attempt to hold up the counfull operation, the bulletin continues, total for the 50 years for which it is try by a general strike. This, the bulletin concludes, is why

> someed that they and not the cuverts ! can labor is a cripple. It has but one ment should run the plant in the urm.

Fails to Windsor, Ontario, some 252 Ashley, army engineers in charge of

**Great Victory** in Queensland

Brisbare, Queensland, May 9 .- The elections here resulted in the Laborites retaining office. after eleven years in continuous power. The state part es are unchanged, with the Labor mem-

### The Broadcaster

British aristocrats and pluto-rats for the first time in their lives are doseives. This schooling finay prove valuable to them in the not distant future.

The big fear among the rulers and masters of England about the strike power alone as in Pennsylvania with is expressed in this dispatch from London: Members of the government are not

anxious to smash the trades unions because they realize that by doing so they will strengthen the Labor party.

At the same time they ars torn between this fear and the desire to as 6 mills to produce each kilowatt pounded annually, is added to this make an example which will prevent

In you get the significance of this? - Litter has two arms in Great Britain the trade union arm and the politi-

One of the most significant things that the first thing it did was to the wild did was to the wild action of organized labor and of coal from dermans to Great Ernam, up all the opposition newspapers. The all the political parties of labor in tiggest weapon of capitalism is the support of the strike. newspaper. The strikers in one stroke silenced all these dangerous and de- try, in countries in North and South structive pieces of heavy capitalist ar-

paper. This struggle for possession i history, of propaganda shows where the real fight lies nowadays.

Store Coolidge prosperity the Chieres Board of Health examined 130. The world-wide fallor mass movement, to do the work. son school cluddren in 1925 and found predicted by Marx and the early denses nearly one-tourth, undernour-) Socialists, which would usher in the islasi.

whole human race.

The Facts

1. Number of workers that went out in the first defense line as reported by the strike leaders. -4.342.982.

2. Number that went out in the second defense line-About 2,-000,000, making a total of over 6,000,000.

3. Most complete national general striks in history.

4. "Stoppage Complete" is the trade union official report on the success of the strike.

5. Cause of strike-to prevent reduction of miners' wages from about \$2.50 per day to about \$1.75 per day and the lengthening of the work day by the smployers. A DEFENSIVE STRIKE OF ALL BRITISH LABOR TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISH-MENT OF WAGE REDUC TIONS BELOW AN ACTUAL LIVING WAGE.

6. Immediate cause of great walkout-Sudden break-

able it to pay a living wags.

walkout of more than half the inhabi-<sup>1</sup> coal to England. tants of Great Britain, the most signi-17 ficant and inspiring development conabout the British general strike is nected with this event is the world festo saying it will present transport

in practically every European coun-America, Asla and Africa, and in Anatillery, while they gave their own tralia, the economic and political papers wide circulation. The govern i movements of labor have taken steps ment retaliated by suspending labor to render every assistance possible to ! England. The three unions agreed to papers and seizing the supply of print the greatest general strike in all strike if necessary.

This labor reverberation over a

volved in the repercussions from the from the proposed trade unionist contributions are estimated at \$1,500,000. British general strike, to consider the Many newspapers have opened subsituation.

scription funds Amsterdam, May 4. The secretary The Russian dock and transport of the international Federation of Frades Unions states tonight that the anions have refused to handle goods federation, embrashing the trades. destined for Encland during the strike. Meetings of sympathy for the unions of twenty three countries and strikers were reported from Leninhaving at its disposal cash amounting grad, Kharkov, Ekaterinosiav a**nd** to 200,000,000 Datch guilders (about \$50,000,000) "strongly witt support the other centers.

Riga, Latvia, May 5 .-- When the general strike of the British Trades Union congress. The federation al-English steamship Dago pulled alongside the Riga cold storage dock today ready has sent communications to the for a cargo of Russian butter for Engvarious national federations urgang land the captain was informed by an them to support British labor. The British strikers are believed to be alde official of the local soviet trade deleto hold out for four or five weeks on gation that the shipment had been canceled from Moscow It is reported their own resources. here that all Russian shipments of

#### Germany

butter, eggs, poultry, and other prod-Berlin German labor today laid uce to England have been halted by its pans to assist the British general the soviet government. London .- The Trade Union Con-

strikers. An executive of the German trade gress has announced that it will gladunion federation conferred with the ly receive assistance from every counexecutives of the miners, transport | try in the would except Russia.

workers, and railwaymen, and the conference decided unanimously on steps to prevent Cerman labor from giving uniotended assultance to the efforts to break the British strike The steps decided upon were: 1. They will prevent coaling Bin

ish vessels at German ports. 2. German seamen whill be directed i not to make a second enforcement for service on a British ship

3. German labor will do its atmost ( to thwart any efforts to sole German

Essen, Germany Tipe German Miners' federation has assued a mani-

#### France

Paris, May 4 .--- The French minere' union today secured the support of the railway and dock workers for a boycott of all shipments of coal to

Paris.- Attempts to publish of tions of London dailles in Paris for corplane whole planet may have a greater stransportation to England, faded here meaning than is now concrativ real, i today on account of refusal of the orized. It may mark the leginning of ganized workers in the printing trades

Paris, France A coust meeting of the leaders of the French mine so ke foil immediately at the British breaknew social order and endocipate the ers, the railroad tach and the dock workers has been called to decide of

Belgium Brussels, May Lo-Belgian noners today decided to meet May 6 to decide

Price Five Cents.

on their attitude toward the British mine strike. It is expected that they will take measures to prevent the export of coal to Britain if the British mines still are idle then

Holland 🔴

Rotterdam, Hailand.- The transport workers have distributed a manifesto to the dock workers asking them not to assist in loading coal for Great Critain.

#### Denmark

Copenhagen .-- Danish labor uniona today decided to strike in sympathy with the British workers.

The unions announced that they were proparing to send strike notices to the englioyers

This was the first important instance of Britan's labor dispute extending to the continent.

Denmark supplies Britain with a major portion of the dairy products, butter and eggs and the like which is imported

The effect of the Denish act will be tast lab'e

ing off of negotiations by Premier Baldwin, Tory minister of Great Britain. 7. Purpose of strike-to ob tain a reorganization of the coal industry, preferably through public ownership, that will en-

Next to the strike itself involving a

timide more conservative. But [ 2.1 s this profit, which would go to ; asumers under public owner-hip. alletin courinues, several more s would be saved the public of ble profits from mother angle. Engiernment keeps the Shoals hes neers of the Giant Power Survey in the competition it would give Pennsylvania, it is asserted, found mate newer companies . I that the private utilities of that state,

sounders kilowatt hours bers numbering 43 and the coun-Huge Possible Profits The balletin then figures the poss-

law.

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Application for Pardon

asking for pardon, do solemnly

swear that I will be law-abiding

in future and will support and

defend the Constitution of the

United States against all enemies.

foreign and domestic; that I will

take this obligation freely and

without mental reservation of

mind in me whatever; SO HELP

Subscribed and sworn before me

Notary Public.

---- day of ---

(Continued on Page 3)

Signature -----

The following is the application

try nationalist position totaling 29. The Labor organization leadership is far superior, due to the directing genius of E. G. Theodore, former premier.

the worst indictment against the enforces poverty where the machine duity papers

ery and labor and natural resources to produce shough wealth for all exed. It does this by limiting the pur chasing power of the people to the Instional Federation of Trade Unions, embracing the moons of twentylowest wages it can manage to pay.

The trade-union light for bigger wages and shorter work days is part | Union congress. of the Socialist process of getting the whole product over to the producer. moted They are in every country tional Miners and the Transport | Sums piready collected in Russia except the United States.

The former belongs in the Socialist movement because Socialism would

Here are some of these events in incasures to defeat any attempt to present system is that it artificially (this great movement reported in the (ship coal to England

#### International

Russia Amsterdam, Holland The leter Moscow. The Russian trade union lists to contribute acquirier of a day's three countries, has announced it will pay to the support of the British genstrongly support the British Trade eral strike.

**Berger Bill Would Nationalize** 

#### This sum is estimated at \$1,500 me

Japan Word came from Amsterdam today. One hundred and there thousand dolthat the Trade Union international lars has already been relearly be had valied meetings of the laterna the British Trade Union counce.

Tekyo, Japon, May 4. The Japaness Federation of Labor has cabled (Continued on Page 3)

# Espionage Victim Uncovers Real Reason of Disfranchisement Hoax

In-partment of Justice of the blank supplied by the Department of States is still engaged in per-Justice follow in the order named.

tating the infamous lie that the so time of the War Espionage inted their citizenship, despite that this falsehood was punc by the American Appeal and or of the faisity of this pre las been made in Congress.

sulv is the Department of Jus containg this deception on Indi-Sections of the War Espionage ... it is using it as a club to these victims to sign applicacaks for pardon in which they the uselves not to repeat the al-Mense and awear allegiance to activition of the United States. se fact, were disclosed during tankh, May 1 and 2, by a delegate, Herman, national organizer for s stalist party, who wrote Attoreneral John G. Sargent for the + of testing out the present b) of the Department of Justice

aileged disfranchisement of to the war victims and the restoratheir citizenship. sophy received by Herman dis-

is touch a doubt the real reason - deception practiced by the out of Justice and two Re-2. administrations which resultthe swimiling of Debs and 1,500 e of victims out of their citizen-T years.

letter from Herman to Attorto dd Sargent; the reply of the 5 General and the application

Herman's Letter Lincoln, Neb., April 27, 1926. Attorney General John G. Sargent,

Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. Dear Sir: In 1918 I was tried

and convicted under Section 3, Title 1, of the Espionage Act and sentenced to serve ten years in McNeil's Island Federal penitentiary. Will you please inform me on

the following:

Did said conviction carry with It forfeiture of my citizenship or any of my civil and political rights?

If so, what is necessary to have said citizenship or civil and political rights restored to me? Please cite the law concerning this matter and mail your reply to me, General Dellvery, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Respectfully yours, EMIL HERMAN.

#### Attorney General's Answer The reply was received during the Socialist national convention by Conrade Herman, and is as follows:

Enclosed is an application blank for your pardon to restore civil rights. When it is duly executed and returned to the Department, your case will receive

appropriate consideration. remove the unancial and industrial This reply avoids every question powers that are robbing him and rapasked by Hernian. idly reducing him to serfdom and it would give him free access to his tool. It neither affiring nor denies that the citizenship of the espionage vice I the land, and the full value of his + product. ting was forfeited.

It does not arrempt to quote the BUT IT ATTEMPTS TO PERPETU-

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by it.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has ascertained by investigation ATE THE INFAMOUS LIE THAT that the average United States farm-THESE WAR VICTIMS WERE DIS. er owes 85 per cent of his income to FRANCHISED BY SENDING AN his own individual labor and only APPLICATION BLANK THAT 15 per cent to hired help. That is FULLY IMPLIES A LOSS OF CITI- why the farmer belongs with the workers in the great fight for eman-

cigation of labor. When the farmer's labor brings its full reward the farmer will receive an income several times larger than at present.

The interests that are engaged in robbing the farmers are lining up to tions on through a bill to aid co-operative

marketing. They are ilning up solid ly also to defeat the bill indorsed by the farm organizations. This humbug is so transparent, so colossal, so impudent, that no one should be fooled

in these Industries.

If advocates of the present system sirfkes such as the hard coal strike in fought fair they would not fight at all, because they have nothing fair to Pennsylvania, more numerous and niore serious than they have been in fight for. the past unless all natural resources

It is an silly to talk of the nation being prosperous because a few have

good times as it would be to talk of it being happy because a few kings in Europe are playing the devit all the

**Big Utilities and End Strikes** press properties engaged in interstate commerce was proposed in a bill by Representative Victor L. Berger, for introduction in the House this week.

**Private ownership of public utilities** must eventually lead to struggles such as that now occurring in England, which has all the characteristics of civil war, Berger said in making pub- that in the most profitable years of lic the measure. Under his bill a fed-

eral department of transportation and telegraphs would administer the opera-

#### Pay on Valuation

The measure provides for payment to the present owners on a basis of actual valuation and for the establish-

ment of advanced labor conditions

Berger predicted a repetition of

and public utilities are returned to the people where they belong.

Not a Failure

Government ownership is not a failure, he said, adding that govern-

ment war-time operation of the rail history of railroads in the United

of a roads was merely control, under which a States discloses one failure after an rallroad, telegraph, telephone and ex- private owners remained in charge of other. Small stockholders, the public operation. The government took charge after private operation in the emergency had failed, and the rolling stock was much run down, he added.

"The government net only spent milijons of dollars to put the rallroads into exceilent condition, but it guaranteed the owners a profit equal to American railroading.

"Government control during the war was not quite the failure the owners and the press have been proclaiming ever since. If those who remained in charge had not sabolaged the government while it was busy planning for the war, it would have been a anccess

#### Will End Graft

"The abolition of the private owner ship of railroads and of natural resources will do <mark>a</mark>way with the most prolific sources of corruption and graft known to American political life. Every form of federal aid and state aid was extended to them. They

were given preferential rates--- hoge land grants-guarantees of profits. "In spile of all these subsidies, the

at large, the farmers, and to be small extent the less organized of the rallroad employes have been the victime of the railroad magnates

## Maim 8,746 **Child Workers**

NEW YORK-(FP)-The National Child Labor committee In the current American Child shows that 8,476 workers under 18 years of age were injured in Pennsylvania industry in 1923, The total fatalities are not given but 51 workers of the 16 and 17year groups were killed on the job and 81 permanently injured. The textile industry maimed more children than any other. An examination of the 14 and 16-year group shows that 50 per cent of these children were risking their limbs and their lives for an average of less than \$10 per week.

Australia

Sydney, Australia - Pollowing the lead of English maters, the coal mine ensureers of the state of New South Wides have siven notice of their incouncil has appealed to all trade union- tention, to, go, on strike. Saturday, owing to their dissatisfaction with the recent arbitration award.

### American Appeal

# Our Washington Letter

be matters of Federal concern.

betrayed their platform promise.

He said

Anti-Lynching Bill

#### By Marx Lewis

which the Federal Government will States, which was one of the first na appropriate \$12,000,000 in the next six tions to make elaborate pluns to furyears to States that will match that nish an elementary school education sum by appropriations equal to those up all those within its borders, should given to the States. , now compare as unfavorably with

The object of each of these bills is other countries in the percentage of largely to remove the technical dis- illiteracy. In England the percentage tinctions urged by Stute's rights ad- of illiteracy is about 1.8, while rocates against measures which will in the United States, for the same Improve conditions and preserve con- class, it is in excess of 7 per cent. stitutional rights within the States. "in a democracy, where much de-Literacy, lynching, and the defense of pends upon the people's ability to read civil libertles set forth in the first and write, presence of millions of it amendment to the Constitution are literates is a danger. declared by Representative Borger to

"Illiteracy is greatest in the South. That explains in a large measure why the Ku Klux Klan got its start and was able to make such headway in In introducing his bill to make ynching a Federal offense, Berger the South. On the other hand, the

Klan has made little or no headway fore our eyes. declares that the Republicans have in, for example, Wisconsin, where the percentage of illiteracy was almost negligible until the recent immigra-"The failure of the Republican party tion from castern and southern Eq. to carry out its platform pledge of the first casualties when the United 1928 for the enactment 'at the earliest rope. States entered the European war, i possible date of a Federal anti-lynch-

Representative Victor 1. Berger has ing law, so that the full influence of ; which the State, not the Federal gov- of the ledger. During the facal year tackled three of the most flagrant the Federal Government may be ernment must deal. All the Federal ending June 30, 1925, the governmentwielded to exterminate this hideons government can do is to encourage owned railroads showed a net prolit omission on the part of the Coolidge their educational facilities and there as against an estimate of 8,700,000

> With a majority in both houses of 'Government, however, has a vital in graphs showed a profit of 3,500,000 ongress, powerful enough to carry terest in the subject-surely as much knoner, which is approximately 1,200, out every other policy of the administrias it has in good roads.

tration, including a tax bill that enables wealth to escape its share of the j burders of taxation, the administration could bring sufficient pressure to bear to have the prondse made to the people in 1924 kept. That anti-lynching plank, like so many others, helped j to keep the Negro vote in line long enough to enable the Republicans to rule into office. To that extent that

proper precautions to prevent lynch-"I hope Congress will not adjourn ings liable to ten years' imprisonment. Communities in which lynch antil a genuine effort is made to enings take place will forfeit \$10,009 for

Fighting Ignovance

eracy, Benger sanl:

Appeal Army Column

May Day is past. It will long be re P J Gammensen, Brooklyn, and Glen membered in the Socialist Movement Falls, N. Y., 100k 50 each New Jerof America. The inspiration of the sey stayed right with the big fight convention will carry us forward with Jas lifer caucht two yearlies while N. hope. The army responded Abrahamson, Bayonne, Jos Stites, Bundle orders from every Brooklawn and P. Trollo, secretary nobly. state in the union piled into the office [ of the Italian Branch, Hoboken, fired until the office force was swamped, fifty shots apiece. Now we are ready to go ahead. With

our paper to carry our message we will build up a movement which will. awaken the workers of America.

The Jugo-Slav Socialist Federation, spead captures who find that they can of Chicago fired a broadside of use more Mayslays John Chesnik, one thousand. Charles Pogorelec, See of the Jugo Slav Br. 118, Cantheir secretary, is one of the hardest on-burg, ordered 100 B. Nickel. workers in the movement and the residentiation and D. S. Conrad, Waynessult of his efforts shows in the splen bond, wake the mountain echoes with did work done by his organization M. 300 each. Fifty each went to Michael J. Hammond, Belvidere, Jos. Hefner, Lescher, Ashland, Comrade Fintchey, Monticello, and Chus. Young, Quincy, Bangor, S. Totten, Belle Vernou, W. joined the Illinois battalion with 50 B. Weeks, Sayre, Albert Gasnler,

crime' is one of the major crimes of administration.

plank has served its purpose. of a Foleral anti-lynching law."

In defense of his tall to fight illit-

of the surprising that the

Europe in Transition

About 5,000,000 workmen are unemployed in Europe, according to Paul Scott Maurer, a capitaliat newspaper correspondent. These are distributed, according to this conservative writer, as follows: Great Britain (before the

strike), 1.243,000; Germany, 2.030.792; Poland, 359,792; Austria, 223,656; Czecho-Slovakia, 48,384; Switzerland, 20,523. In Denmark, 31 per cent of the workers are unemployed; in Norway, 23; in Sweden, 19; in Holland, 16; in Hungary, 15. Unemployment has been chronic in Europe since the war. It gradually grows worse on the European capitalism has whole. reached a stage of breakdown past all mending because production has definitely outrun the low purchasing power of the poorly paid European wage workers. Watch Europe- the old wage system is passing and the new social order is arising right be-

A dispatch-to the Christian Science can safely be taken as moderate Monitor from Oslo (Christiana), Norway, indicates that the state owned railroads and also the telephones and "Education remains a problem with telegraphs are well on the profit side Here are . one of them Actual earnings of the farmer in 1924 in return for his labor are computed by the board at \$730, on the the States to increase and improve of 9,900,999 kroner (about \$2,000,000) average, as against average earninga

by reduce illiteracy. The Federal kroner. The telephones and tele facturing industries in the same year. ood kroner in excess of estimates.

tors ich owners who comply with the

tory is expected, says the daily news

The Italy We Saved



The Insurance Graft ance in the United States new present title law which is similar to hourance reports show that door amounts to seventy billion dollars. It that governing all concessions. A

storm of protests from foreign operais handled by numerous competing companies that pay fancy rewards to agents and specialists and for adver. dispatches Mexico is attempting to tising and then charge enough to re- socialize its basic resources. It is tising and then charge control of the private dangerously close to control alize a handsome profit for the private Wall Street is so heavily involved Wall Street is so heavily involved that any kind of move against Mexico and waste of this process! To get inneed not be surprising. The Chicago sured the people pay almost as much Tribune, which is now preaching the as they pay be run the government. invasion and selzare of Mexico, print Under Socialism insurance would be a department of the government like ed a map of a new revolutionary area the post office. One would be instred in southwestern Mexico the day automatically at an extremely tow Calles issued his latest decree. We cost lie would pay only this cost and wonder how the Tribune cauce to have no profits into any private pockets [ such detailed knowledge of this revo Insurance at cost would cover tarming | lution

### Bread Trust Still Alive

in the United States.

and would, buily protect every person

The bread 'trust dissolution, so ondly touted as an achievement of States is to speud \$75,000,000 for war the Reputdican administration, was a planes in five years, while "bankrupt" take, says Samuel Untermeyer, noted Italy, which the United States. fi New York attorney; Basil Manly, well, nanced and saved by cancelling 76 per Ruown economist, and Senator La cent of its delits, will spend \$100,000, Foliette. This is the story they tell, "one next year in a delve to make Italy. in the "consent degree" of the court ( supremesting the air. The potential which was supposed to proscute the balancer of warlike imperialist Fascism bread Trust, the charges were discontrolling the air is great - Italy run missed and the trust was left free to Ling amuck and uncontrolled can have pursue its non-opolistic activities. The the other effect than to compel other excuse given was that similar charges nations to build air fleets faster than

# Farmers Lose 7 Billions While **Capitalists Double Their Wealth**

Almost unbellevable conditions ; purchasing power, however, the total among the 30,000,000 farm population of the United States are described in purchasing power. In other words, all a recent report of the National Industrial Conference lloard of New York. This report is particularly significant (1) because of the appalling facts disclosed; (2) because of the source of this report, and (3) because

cording to comparative figures from The National Industrial Conference the United States Bureau of Cenaua of New York is composed exclusively for 1910 and 1925. of representatives of industry. Its

omposition removes it far from any tendency to exaggerate or make farm comlitions look worse than they are Its statements about farm conditions Lowest Paid Worker cent of the purchasing power of the

same land 15 years ago. In other words, this report from apitalistic sources brings out the following startling facts:

of \$1,256 per wage earner in the manu-1. The farmer, in splte of his capltal-equipment in land and draft aniaverage earnings of \$1,572 by transmals and machinery, REPRESENTS nortation workers. \$2,141 earned by THE LOWEST PAID DIVISION OF cierical workers, and average of \$1,678 LABOR IN THE UNITED STATES. earned by ministers, \$1,295 by teach-2 in spire of his "independent" ers, about \$1,650 by Government empossession of his labor power and his ployeea, and an average of \$1,415 per enployment of it longer hours than worker in all groups other than any other division of labor. HE 15

The food, fuel, and housing supplied by the farm the board's report apprataea at about \$630 per year, which leaves the average farmer a cash income of about \$100 out of the \$730 earned by his labor during the year

1924. An average return of about \$400 is allowed on the capital inveated. making the total average cash income per farmer operator about \$500 a year. Since the cost of food and clothing purchased by the average farm family during the year runa to about \$475. the average farm income is only slightly more than enough to purchase the necessities of life.

The report also calls attention to the per capita income of farmers aa compared with the incomes of other workers, bank failures in agricultural atates, the increase of farm bankruptcies, and the tremendous increase of farm indebtednesa.

To quote further from this report:

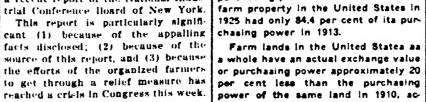
#### Appalling Shrinkage

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The total value of all farm property n 1913 was \$45,227,000,000; In 1920, \$79.607,000.000: and in 1925, \$59.154,-Facist Italy and the United State

sincoltaneously announce ambitious war plane programs. The United were being prosecuted against the fights. There is irony in the fact that company by the Federal Trade Com- the United States is trailing behind



Farm lands of the 12 North Central statea had an exchange value in 1925 of only 78.96 per cent of their 1910 pur chasing power. The extreme case was found in Indiana, where the cenaus figures show the 1925 farm-land purchasing power to be only 61.25 per

LOSING HIS PROPERTY VALUES

FASTER THAN ANY OTHER DIVI-SION OF THE PROPERTY OWNING CLASS IN THE UNITED STATES.

#### Cause and Remedy

That farm values in actual purchasing power have declaned from 45 billion dollars to 28 billion dollars in thir teen years AND DURING A PERIOD WHEN THE GENERAL WEALTH OF THE UNITED STATES MORE THAN DOUBLED AND THE CONSUMERS OF FARM PRODUCTS IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE INCREASED 50 OR 40 PER CENT, ought to be enough to make every intelligent citizen pause and consider

One does not have to go fai to find the cause of this - AMERICAN IN-DUSTRIALISM AND AMERICAN FINANCE HAVE ARISEN IN THE gary. LAST TWO DECADES AND HOGGED

THE WHOLE COUNTRY TAKING COMPLETE CONTROL OF MARKET ING AND EXCHANGE PROCESSES AND THE DETERMINATION OF

ECONOMIC VALUES AND CONDI-

TIONS. 000,000. Reduced to terms of 1913 While the above appalling facts up the meeting.



value of all farm property in 1925 was representatives of the industrial and only equal to \$38,188,000,000 of 1913 financial power which had brought the farmers to these conditions political agents of these same parts, in congress were blocking even at tempt to pass the relief bill protected by the organized farmers and write

setting the stage for the passion of their own fake farm relief bill, The farmers have been reduced to

the status of economic and printical serfs in capitalistic Americal They may as well face this fact and the pare to stake steps to remote this condition in common with the workers in industry who are in the same car

#### Notice: May Program Chicago Study Group

Saturday, May 15-Theater party r. see Eva Le Galllenne in Ibsens pay. The Master Bullder. Call Miss Leville Armitage 4312, by Monday, May 16, for reservations. At Women's Chy Club, 360 North Michigan avenue 1:15 p. m.

Friday, May 21-Three corners de la bate between a Socialist, a Constant, and a Progressive Party representative (outside speaker). At Women's City Club, 369 North Michigan area.e. 8:15 p. m.

Sunday, May 22-Three sheart plays by the study group, followed ty dance. For tickets call Haynarast 2010. At Women's City Ch.9, 366 North Michigan avenue, 8,15 p.m. Sunday, May 30, or Monday May 1

-Trip to sand dunes.

Hungarian Socialist

#### Will Speak in Chicago

Ferenze Gondor, a notest S county Hungarian editor and writer adspeak at a meeting in Chicage, Saurday evening, May 15, Kimilali Ha Jackson boulevard and Wableb avnue, at 8 o'clock.

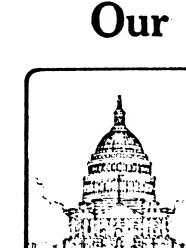
Comrade Gondor was assistant entor for 10 years of a great S can a Hungarian daily and was editor defic own paper. Az Ember, seven year-He is considered an authority on the Socialist and labor movement in Has

Ten progressive Hungarian organ lzations are promoting the meeter Among them the Socialists are strag ly represented. He addressed as as dience of 2,000 in New York Cay where the communists and reaction ary followers of Horthy tried to break

slaughter, and abortly before she en tored the penitentiary. She was ed: tor of "The Rip-Saw," and was deroting most of her time to lecture courses for the purpose of extending the circulation of that paper. We had a little talk on Olive Street in St. Louis. She concluded her remarks. in effect: "I should worry i can still talk - I can still write " Azi l thought to myself. "And what can the rest of us do?" Shortly afterwards "The Rip-Saw" plead guilty to some

framed up charge and went out of

May 15, 199,



Continuing the fight he has been

waging for years to re-establish the

constitutional guarantees which were

weaknesses of our political atructure

in three bills he has introduced. They

1. A bill to make violations of the

first amendment to the Federal Con-

stitution guaranteeing freedom of

speech, of the press, and of the right

of the people to assemble a Federal

offense, punishable by imprisonment

whether the party convicted be a

State or municipal officer, or a private

2. A bill making participation in

lynching parties a Federal offense

punishable by from one to five years

Imprisonment and public officials who

ald in lynching or who fail to tak-

each lynching to either the relatives

of the party lynched or to the Fed

A bill recognizing illiteracy as a

national evil, in the combating of

are:

individual.

eral government.

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just can't lose Comrado Sh. ton, Sam Young Steeltown and Carnella of Gillespie. He sends in Dan F Roming Williamsport one or two subs with nearly every

mail.

Judging from the miniber of Appeals distributed in California we expect that state to wake up election day and give a big vote to Upton Slnclair. Contrades Pitt of Acampo, Seaman of Hohart Mills and P. L. and E. J. Case of Loveland loaded up with 100 apiece - Los Angeles just couldn't get enough papers. Just when we thought it was satisfied back came an order for more. Mrs. L. Baker took 50 and Those Johnston 25 E. Tobey writes that he will "try a small bundle and perhaps he can put a little life in the old town." He orders 25. Twenty-five more went to J. P. Yinum, Portuna Fifty each were ordered by Klos, Milwaukee, and Comrade Christhe following: C. F. Jamison, Fresno; C. Diddon, Brown, Varian and Dickerson, Fresno, Comrade Payton, Oakland: W. Madsen, Pasadena; C. A. Knowland, Frather, and A. H. Eagler, Red Bluff, who wants 25 a week for under for fifty. five weeks.

The sconts of the northwest went out loaded for bear. Sarah J. Brown, Albany, took 125. J E. Quick. Co. quiffa; W. Blanchard, Medford, and W. J. Morton, Portland, took fifty each. More orders came in from and 50 each went to Comrade Ferdi-Washington J. W. Bishop, Carson, or dered 190; Webster Seal, Bellingham, 50, G. A. Sweet, Edmonds, sent a regular order for 25 a week and he caught three yearlies to add to his | arctes. "Send me a bundle of 1251 conquany. Boise, Idaho, received 125 which were sent to C. H. Felton and Wallace in the same state was taken 25. Emil Zimmerman of Butte, Mont., distributed 100. Comrade Clemons of Duchesne, Utah, caught two yearly aubs and Wallace W. Gamble of Fergus Falls, Minn., two C. M. Hasconi, Minneapolls, took a bundle of 50 and E. E. Walker, Grey Eagle, and R. M.

care of by Geo. W. Rambie who took Cordell; W. C. Warten, Gotebo; W. S.

Garnet, John Sular, Gross and J. T Askew, Macksville, C. G. Fowler, Mus leatine, lowa, ordered 50 and Frank Currie, Ironton, used 25 each to help Mills, Covington, Ky., 25. spread the light in Minnesota. ----

> Bundles and subs are coming in from all directions: A. Garbarino,

The New York battallons never let Morgantown, W. Viu, 25 copies for The Mexican situation slumbers up. Load after load of animunition fom weeks; James W. Foley, West was sent to keep their big guns beene Virginia, bundle of 25; Churles A. ing. Herman Rivkin of the twentythird district, Brooklyn, suplied his Johnson, Lake Worth, Fla., 2 subs; crew with 500. The East Side Forum J. S. Mercer, Ava, Mo, one yearly; L. fired off fity hot shots on the May- G. Madere, La Place, La, 50; Frid ing laws, declaring all subsoil properday Special campaign and distributed Miller, Shreveport, La., 2 subs; A. ties in Mexico the property of the Batheir regular order of lifty this week. Smeld, Knoxville, Tenn, bundle of 50. 1 ion. He has granted a fifty-year con- cents a week.

But the reactionary majority of the New England was in the comparison Federal Trade Commission abruptly last and last. The town of Roger Williams, Providence, It 1, took 399 D. H. Slarit distributed 250 and H. H. Dauphine 50 J. F. Molloy, Boston, added 100 more to the big bundles which had previously gone to the Itsb Carl P Swan-on Applehoro and N. Angeline, Leounister, ordered

The name of Pennsylvania will shine

in the litstory of Socialism for the

steady, tireless efforts of the past

weeks. Orders are coming in yet from

40 each S. B. Zolo Ansonia, Counalso took titty. No they didn't all come from the east and west. The central states tever stopped for a minute. The flarden Homes Br. Milwankee, took another 100 and Leo Milsuk, Sheboygan, W.s., 200. Fitty appear went to Comrade Oxley, Bouider Junction; Jos.

e the trust." Another 100 Per Center Unmasked

tensen, Racine, Twenty-live for Clyde. Harry M. Daugherty, tormer Repub-Ober, was sent to Dr. Van Nette, and 50 went to A. G. Henderson, Proctorcifie. A. L. Coombs of Bad Aze, that connived in provoking disorder tNQUIRY REOPENS ON JUNE 21. Much, was in early with his regular and breaking the law, champion departer of the United States, now ands himself in the foils of the law charged 1

indiana kept pounding away. One with the offense of a common gratter lendred each went to F. E. Pet- and criminal. This let per center was fairst. Undoubtedly the record of the 135. Logansport; Max E. Mathews, indicted this week by a grand jury Wincle, and A. Klinghiel, Richmond. in New York on charges of conspiracy. Twenty-five went to Crawfordsville to defraud the government in connertion with the investigation of the af wand Bleknell; J. L. tilleslie, Liga fairs of the office of alien property nier, and Ben Humilton, Terre Haute. sustedian during the time Thomas W. Miller was custodian. With Daugh-

erty, Miller and John T. King, former-Comrade England, Antlers, Okla., Republican national committeeman and I will sow the seed." Fifty each from Connecticut, were also indicted. The indictment charges that went to the following Oklahomans: W Daugherty, Miller and King conspired Hawthorne, Anadarko; L. P. Smith, to return to German and Swiss owners \$7,000,000 of stock and assets question new locs back to the people Jones, Kingston; R. G. Stearns, Lawton; and J. Woody, Oklahoma City. which had been seized as allen property during the war, for which a fee thirds of the entire vote of Germany Bert Berry, Lincoln, Neb., took 25, amounting to \$391,000 was paid. Fury for Kansles went to itoss McGill, One by one, as time goes on, the super patriots, wer manlacs and prosecutors of honest persons for their sincerv opinions are revealed in their true colors.

A Slumbering Volcano

but there is dynamic in it. President Calles this week asserted the sov ereign rights of the Mexican people and carried out part of the new min-

aission and the court should not in the nation it so recently linanced in centere with the commission's work. Hus race of death

#### A Polite Gathering

stopped the hearings and dismissed For real law defiance and law break he very complaint which had been the condition for the omission of the link go to the leaders of the present literal frust from the court's decree. Republican administration. The latest Senator La Follette charges "apparentoffender is Secretary of the Treasury ont collision between the Department [ Mellon, wherein conjunction with his of Justice and the Federal Trade Com- brother controls the Muminum Trust. mission" in politing over this corrupt. This dompany has just refused to deal and rank to troyal of the people i show its records to the Federal Trade Tits is just another little it in to show Commission new conducting an inveshow utterly yenal, how utterly cor- treation to determine if this company is a monopoly. Very oldigingly the of how completely under the con-

d of the trusts is the present admin- conneission did not press the demand ration. The trast is dead, long Exchanger Shepard saids that during the adjournment period that R P

Whately of the Federal Trade Commission Council and the Aluminium company officials should get together. go over the reports AND DECIDE WHICH PARTS OF THEM SHOULD lican Attorney General initiator of GU INTO THE RECORD. THESE and reads, head of a department, WOULD BE MIMITTED WHEN THE These investigations of matters involving high Republican officials by a Republican Foderal Trade Commission are such trateroal, loving and plate af Aluminum Trust will be quite all right when it is produced next June.

#### People Slapped in Germany

By a vote of the entire German Reichstag except the Socialist party and the Communists, the German government retused to comply with the demand expressed in the recent referendum of 12,500,000 votes demanding contraction of the estates of royal betrayers of tiermany. The for a second vote. It will require twoto oust these parasites from their estates, but the Socialists will underment. take this numense educational task.

York.

All the property-holding classes of Germany are mortally afraid of this be some days before I am able to take issue. They fear that the confiscation of the royal estates would consitute the entering wedge of Socialism in

Germany. The tight is really a straight fight between organized Specialism and organized capitalism in Germany.

Every Appeal aubscription helps the cause of labor. Are you helping? every way in their power." The Appeal for a year \$1—leas than 21

In a recent letter to National Exequive Secretary, William H. Henry, holes tells of the distressing illiess 17, 1926.

of hunself and other members of the family which kept him from attendscificism of the Quaker variety ing the Pittsburgh convention. It conveys the welcome news that Debs and the other stricken members of the family are recovering.

'I had made all preparation to atend the convention, and not to be able to go was one of the keenest disappointments of my life, But with all the will I had it was simply impos--thle

"I was dl on noy return from Bermuda and so was not wife as the reof because I changed my views he che ast, but because I fell ti had served sult of sensickness. For forty eight its purpose, since the fundamentals o hours the boat was lashed by the wir teachings had become a part of our American psychology." fury of the storm and we were flung Was It for this Kate Richards about in a way not only to make us

O'Hare was incarcerated for two desperately sick, but to deplete the last vestige of our strength. We were vears in the Missouri Penitentiary? seven hours late cetting into New Was it for this she was kidnapped, subjected to humiliating indignities,

"When I saw Theodore and his wife | persecuted and hounded wherever sho in their suffering it was more than [] went by the legally constituted aucould stand. And then, to cap the thorities? Did this course of treatelinux, a telegram came announcing ment lead her to sever her connection the serious illness of my sister in ( with the Socialist party, and to dis-New York and nnother from Louis- cover 'the fundamentals of our teachings had become a part of our Amerville, Ky., annoancing the death of an unnt, whose funeral my wife had to ican psychology"? Of course, many attend although barely able to make of us were grieved to hear our dear the journey.

Comrade Kate cry out whenever she "Hut in spite of all this I hoped un found herself entangled in the tolls of til the last to be able to attend the law, "I didn't say that! Let me til the last to be able to attend the explain! You m!sunderstood me! I convention und grundy resolved to do an not trying to stir up the people! so in spite of all the fates, and then. I hold the lie that all men are created on top of all that had happened, I had the he that an men are created was seized with an attack of acute m.o.'s lubumanity to man." We were lumbago and was anable to move at charitable enough to attribute these Pittsburgh. It was under these circunstances that I missed the conven- jout of tune with the utterances of tion and I am sure you can under-stand how keen was my disappoint. Itebs under similar circumstances: "I said it! I meant it! I have nothing to explain! You understood me! I "I am now able to be up again, but will never retract a single syllable!

am in a shaky condition, and it will My life is dedicated to the single purpose of stirring up the working vigorous hold again. class to revolt against exploitation, "The situation in England is of keenoppression, and slavery! If I stand st interest and the profoundest imalone, I stand for equal rights to all portance to the whole working class and special privileges to none! Give of the world. We must do everything me Liberty or give me death! I ever In our power to support our British have been, am now, and always will comrades and prevail upon the Amerbe opposed to war, which is simply a ican lubor movement to back them up slaughter of the slaves for the enrich-

ment of their economic masters!" In a subsequent letter Debs says: The last time I saw Mrs. O'Hare was "I am very glad to say that Gertrude shortly before we entered the warld Only \$1 for 52 weeks.

By J. A. C. Meng. From The American Appeal, April

What are "the fundamentals of on teachings?" I will mention a lev Everyone shall receive the full work "My Socialism has always been of the product of his labor. All explorates - roughly classified under the head ings of profit, interest, and root shall he abolished. No human being stall no social contacts have been to a large-extent with more or less constructive presents. Such perfectly respectable (therais as Judge Grossman Sender Frozer of North fuckets and Norris of Nebraska. Julia Lathrop and Jane Villams of Hull House, and a host of others whose names and addresses I should be glad to supply, will assure the perfects that my radicalism is largely of newstaper creation, that I am fairly reliable and stable, and in no sense a dangerous person. I severed inv con-tection with the Socials of party to 1922, but because I changed my views in the be dependent upon the whill of his fellowman for the privilege to with and no man shall own the most sup 2 which another man is dependent for his living. Our plan for the score plishment of these ends is trbut had and capital shall become the process of society, and be managed by it for the general good,"

business.

Have these "fundamentals" too # a part of our American psychology If so Paychology is indeed a dest all mysterious science, without any subface indications. They are susmand part of our American per being that it takes a trained observer " detect them. It would seem to regult the divining rod of one who has -2 dured the fires of persecution of 15 cover these rich fundamental deeply luried from human core

"Christian Socialist !" Why the M phen? That "Christianaty and inhibits the acceptance of truth and ever found is a false Christian and worthy only of the discard The Socialism which deales any to the equally false and worthless in third is worth while unless it is tra- and he is a traitor, a coward, and dure

who refuses to accept the irula Justice, Liberty, Equality, 2007 lty, Falth, Hope and Love' These aff Fundamentals for which we are all . . !! without which we "die daily an endless battle to be free band these "fundamentals have because" part of our American psychological . .... will require excenal vigitant that those precious foundation court are not removed, and that it tran superstructure is erected these a

A Labor Co-op.

- -----Over \$20,000 in sales was by the Chicago Union Label 5 150 435 South Dearborn street • ]; • first year of its existence, cui month. The stock is held by and their members.

If your neighbors do not read the Appeal, you are not doing your bt May 15, 1926.

### American Appeal

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### Can You Follow a. Chain of Thought?

the following propositions grow out of their from the first one to the con-tent ten you fullow this chain of rea-ted, link by link, and find the weak if any?) The free use of the land by the to rmers and the free use of the tools production by the workers constithe basis of Socialism.

omialism aims to establish a condiwhere land cannot be used for . 3, the Warren Circle arranged a meetculative purposes and productive ing addressed by the national direcwhinery cannot be used by private tor. On the first occasion a general where to extort wealth from labor. outline of organization work was pre-

inder Socialism it would not be is sible for any one to make a cent of land except by tilling it; but who tilled it would get the full . of the product.

uter Socialism it would not be suble for any one to make money wning machinery operated by day evening at 7:30. rs, but the mon who operated the ma mery would get all that the malested young people gathered at the ..... ry produced.

When conditions are established success productive effort will get . whing and mere ownership will ficers and committees were elected. sthing we will have Socialism. The circle is meeting each week.

aitson is merely an attempt una modern conditions to get back to in the star and original condition of ter, having decided to affiliate with the and had the product after it 128. A .- ; roduced.

i tour modern conditions touis have great machines and machines have become interlinked industries, meter olized by high financiers and People's Socialist League, and organithe struct profiteers. In order to obor the producer free access to there folls and free operation of and get over to him his full three big tools have to be ated by all who work them and are - thy their operation-hence the 3. C + statorma of ownership-coop-5.1 . ewnership and public owner-H. . .

dense the first step toward the rea of Socialism is the public or successful ownership of all producthe propries that are public or is persive in their nature, and indis and expership of all productive statutes that are individual in 12-1 1.4147P

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T. . ... ond step is the democratic open this of all publicly and co-opand enterprises. Actual continually reorganized by the Socialthe industries would of lat Party local. This diversity in the that the individual would composition of the League circles pusses sover in rights and a vote makes the task of outlining a general that a old safeguard his interests and guerantee to him his equitable share rule for the guidance of the League In its relation to the party a rather of the support. difficult one. But if we recall the

is there anything wrong with this unity of their ideals we cannot go far court of reasoning or the conclusion? is the condition described in the conthe desirable, or not? If not, why not The Appeal invites BRIEF extress ins from its readers on any of ber of ways that might be mentioned. by which this policy of co-operation to ats. Let's start something. can be carried out.

Espionage Victim Uncovers Hoax party. Members of the Socialist Par-

Young People's Department

Notional Office TOUNG PEOPLE'S SOC. LEAGUE 16 Townsond St., Flichburg, Mass Aarne J. Parker, Nat. Director.

With the Circles Warren, Ohio .-- On April 26 and May

holding affairs of its own. This function it is peculiarly fitted for through its very youth, for dances, entertainments, social functions of one kind or another are un excellent source of revenue as well as a means of attractsented, followed by general discussion. On the second date the fundamental

cost.

ing new members to the League. The members of the League should principles of the league were disremember that the primary function of cussed, and new officers of the circle the League is to make Socialists. were elected. The two special meet-The League should recognize that new ings were arranged by Comrades Lainiembers are often young people who mi Bjorn and W. Hatunen. Comrade would never be interested in Socialism Hatunen was elected as organizer. The otherwise. They join the League part-Circle holds meetings each Wednesly for the fan they will get out of it, partly because they want to learn Ashtabula, Ohio .--- A group of inter-

something about Socialism. Which object predominates varies with the party local hall April 27 and after a brief talk by the national director and individual applicant, but every new member is a possible recruit for the a general organization meeting, an apparty and the league should get him plication for a churter was filled. Ofinterested and immersed in its activities at once by giving him a jobsome work to do - through which he Cieveland, Ohio .- The recently orwill learn something of what the ganized group in Cleveland is preleague really means. paring an application for a circle char-

contrades will help him in acquiring

his own experience at not too great

During party campaigns for mem-

pership, elections, or for funds, the

League can give spiendid service by

These statements of what the these wherein the producer had free national Y. P. S. L. at a meeting ad- League should do toward keeping close to the tool and sources, of dressed by the national director April relations with the Socialist party would not be complete without mention of some things the League should

The Party and the Y. P. S. L. not do. By Helena Turitz.

First, and most important, should be

but members of the League may be

The League should never take public action contrary to the principles Sol "Organization, Education. and the policy of the party. If the idarity" is the slogan of the Young members feel the policy is not right. they should join the party, and enzation, education and solidarity are the deavor to make the changes in the foundation stones on which is built the regular manner available to every par-Socialist Party, the adult organizaty member. A public disagreement tion related to the Young People's Sowill injure not only the party, but the cialist League. So essentially, the League as well. In fact, no Important league and the party are organizations unific action of any sort should be with a common ideal a basis for mu aken without consulting some well intual understanding. This is true in orned member of the party. spite of the fact that the Y. P. S. L.

If the League Circles, whether comis devoted primarily to education. posed of older or younger members. while fundamentally it is a political whether weak or strong in numbers organization as is the Socialist Party. or in Socialist sentiment, endeavor to But in this league of young people carry out these suggestions of ways of are many types of circles, the units o operation -- overlapping memberwhich make up the league. There are ship, exchange of fraternal delegates. circles composed of young people avassistance at various party affairs, and eraging 21 years of age; those comin raising money for the party, not posed of members between sixteen only will the league be helping the and twenty-one; those made up large-Socialist Party, but it will be carrying ly of non-Socialist elements where the out its own fundamental purposemembers have joined for a good time. that of acting as a vehicle for the There is the circle which is so weak emancipation of the working-class. barely functions, and needs to be

> World Labor Behind Strike

(Continued from Page 1) its sympathy and encouragement to

astray in saying that the underlying policy of the League in relation to the offered any assistance within its lars in sixteen years." party should be one of co-operation. power. More specifically, there are a num-

The Japanese authorities and leaders of industry and politics here re-

stated the necessity of the overlapping membership in the League and the to imitate The prospect is expecially intriguing

versal manhood suffrage law.

Canada

Ottawa, Ont. May 4 .-- Canadian la-

strike leaders a pledge of the moral

support of the workers of the

dominion They announced in an

official statement that if the strike was

a long drawn out affair, the British

strikers could rest assured that if

Canadians were called on to respond

financially the call would not fall on

deaf ears, as thousands of Canadian

workers fought in the trenches of Bel-

gium and France in the world war

with the men now striking on the

Mexico

The United States

other side of the Atlantic.

ican labor.

strike is over.

A. F. of L. this manner; our own experidece must "The American Federation of Labor be our principal guide in learning orbelleves the miners of Great Britain ganization mothod and practice, and what better experience can a member are justified in their demands that they be paid a decent living wage," of the Y. P. S. L. gain than by active said Mr. Ureen. "Wo believe their participation in affairs run by the party where the experience of the older

grievances are well founded and should be specilly redressed. We express the hope that those qualities of deliberation and judgment which have always characterized the British people in every crisis will so assert them-

selves as to bring about an immediate settlement of the causes of the strike and to avert the dire consequences with which the people of the nation ure threatened."

#### United Mine Workers

Indianapoils, ind., May 3 .-- American miners have no agreement with operators by which they could curb exportation of coal to Great Britain as a sympathy move for 1,000,000 striking miners of that nation, it was learned today at international headquarters of the United Mine Workers.

Illinois Mine Workers

This position of the United Mine Workers' national officials in Indianapolls, however, is not unanimous. .An important branch of this organization. the lijinois Mine Workers, through Its officials, has already pledged support to the British strike. Many other similar pledges will follow from progressive miners' unions and other turn out more goods for themselves progressive unions throughout the United States.

America, the unqualified support voted the strike by the national Socialist Party convection in Pitteburgh is im-

#### The Socialist Party

capitalist papers as follows:

ist party of America, at its national year if we double production, we from there. But Russia had a small convention today, adopted a resolution have forty billions a year, which industrial plant, and we have a great concerning the British strike situation, leaves thirty-five billions for us. In urging "American workers to render jother words, Judd: all and that is po-sible to insure a victorious conclusion of the struggle A DAY FOR THE OWNERS. AND to turn out at a moment's notice and for the miners."

The Filling Station LINCOLN PHIFER

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marked the man from Indiana as his tank was being filled at the station, by Joe, the Standard Serf.

And why that remark?" asked Joe. business?" "Yes: why?"

Why, he makes it clear that big business is saving so much that it is and the workers, instead of getting entitled to rule the world; and that the factories, may get castor oil and seems sound to me."

"Yes, big business is saving so much the striking British workmen and that it hus made Mr. Ford a billion dol., the workers need, and would take de-

> benefited by it." "Doubtless they have. But it has these multiplied millions."

"Surely, you would not deny the

Letters to Judd By Upton Sinclair

Letter XVI

My dear Judd: We have been discussing the problem of how the workers are to get possession of the industrial machinery of the country. I have proposed to pay for It; but there are some who insist that the workers should selze the plant. It has been built by the workers, and taken from them by fraud; if we purchase it, we merely continue exploitation under another form; the government replaces the

owners as task-master, and collects the profits and pays them to the own ers in the form of dividends. This statement sounds all right, but it overlooks the essential factor in our business situation-that "iron ring" I have been telling you about. At the present time not one per tent of our factories are run at full capacity ail the year round: but when we get possession for the workers, we break the iron ring, and can run them all day and all night. We have five million unemployed -the average of good years and bad, you rememberfive million men to go to work, to and for all. We cut out the wastes

and reduplication; and according to in view of this divided situation in the lowest estimate, we double our production of goods. The plant we propose to buy is worth, roughly, one hundred billion

portant. This action is reported in the dollars, and its annual product is twenty billions, possibly thirty; let us say twenty, to be safe. We pay for it

with 5 per cent bonds, which means Pittsburgh, I'a., May 3. - The Social , the former owners get five billions a

WE CAN WORK HALF AN HOUR FOUR HOURS A DAY FOR OUR. use machine guns and poison gas in

\* AS AT PRESENT. So you see why I am in favor of

compensation! Not because I love the owners, but because, as a matter of coid cash, we shall do better that way. I will go so far as to argue that if we try to pay nothing, we

"Henry Ford is certainly the most shall really pay more. If we try to level headed man in America." re- kick the borses out, and seize the factories, and run them by workers councils-obviously, that may mean civil war. The bosses have the fac-

tories, and they have machine guns "Have you read his articles on and airplanes and polson gas -a sys-American business particularly big tem for wiping out the lives of thousands of workers, if necessary One

of the embarrassments of physical force revolution is that it may fail. Fascist clubs. There is a big group of our masters who think that is what

light in administering it. I know some young revolutionists "Suppose it has; the workers have

who are prepared to dle for the proletariat, in a fine spirit of martyrdom. gard the situation in England with enabled the workers to save so very. They are impatient of talk about deep anxiety owing to the example much that many multi-millonaires have, money, but I beg them to pause and which Japan's immuture labor organi- been created and the workers have consider the balance sheet of Comzations almost inevitably will endeavor not got what they should have by all pensation versus ('onfiscation. Even

tion, they surely cannot do it without

tion---forty billions a year. The interest we pay, the owners is five bil llons a year So now:

IF IN THE COURSE OF OUR REVOLUTION WE DESTROY ONE EIGHTH OF OUR INDUSTRIAL PLANT, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CHEAPER TO PAY THE OWNERS. Or, suppose we have the good luck to get by without much fighting-what then? Well, the present management, which knows the industry, and is keeping the plant going-this management is hired by the owners and is loyal to the owners, and will have to be booted out the back door, which will certainly stop production,

cripple it for months, perhaps years. But If our government comes to the owners in a business deal, and buys the plant, the management will stay on, as it did when we took over the railroads during the war. On that basis, we shall not lose an hour of the plant's time, nor will the workers lose an hour of their wages. And how does this figure up. In the balance sheet of Compensation versus Confiscation? Listen:

IDLE FOR SIX WEEKS. WE HAVE LOST WHAT WOULD HAVE PAID THE OWNERS FOR A Y.AR And again, an obvious consequence

WORKERS ARE PAYING FROM THEIR OWN POCKETS!

Our young revolutionists are going by the Russian model, and that is natural, because many of them come one, enormously complicated. Moreover, Russia had no middle class, while we have a powerful one, ready SELVES AND BE TWICE AS RICH the Interest of property rights. The workers' revolution succeeded in Russia, because the country was broken by war; but to bring us to a similar state of disorganization would take decades of suffering and waste---

I venture the guess that it would be twenty times cheaper to buy the capitalists out, than to bring America to the point where a physical force revo-Intion could prevail.

And yet, having said all that, fairness compels me to admit another side. I have been setting forth the

process of industrial evolution; rather It speeds it up-giving the rich more money to produce more goods, and causing the poor to have less money to buy the goods. So the crisis comes on like a cyclone; and we shall find ourselves with our factories ldle, and miliions of people starving, and no ldes of the next step to take. There will be no time to teach the masses, no machinery for reaching them; but the desperate workers in our cities

will hear the volce of the Communist soap boxer, saying, "Take the factories, and produce goods for yourselves and your fellows." This soapboxer will ask: "Do you have to starve, because the majority has not voted you food?" ile will ask: "Does a man have to remain a slave because the majority has not voted him free?" So it may happen that the hungry workers seize the factories and at tempt to run them; and we shall have to make the best of it and help them to success.

In such an emergency, the social changes will be sudden and drastic: and that is the reason why I do not attempt to foretell what the new industrial forms will be. Just how the business will he managed depends in great part upon those who now have the power in their hands: they may choose either to be stubborn and brutal, or to display vision and a sense of justic", not to say of common prudence. You can see the difference IF OUR IND. STRIAL PLANT IS this makes if you compare the great

French revolution of a century and a half ago with the series of changes that have taken place in England during the same period. England has be-EVERY DAY OVER SIX WEEKS come a partly democratic country in THAT THE PLANT IS HILE, THE fact, while remaining a monarchy in

form; the reason being that the governing classes never pushed the peopie to the last extreme, but made concessions, just enough to keep themselves in power.

There is room for a variety of compromises between the workers and the capitalists, and also between the workers and the state. The capitalists may permit the setting up of shop committees, with the right of control over working conditions; they may consent to representation of the workers in boards which oversee each industry, with power to make adjustments and enforce decrees. Or both sides may prefer to call upon the govrnment to do the adjusting. Or again, the workers may get control of the government, and laws may be passed providing for the taking over of control by the trade unions. A

practical program has been worked out by the railway brotherhoods, the Plumb plan; providing for the purchase of the roads by the government. ideal procedure; but this is not an and their operation by a board repreideal world, and many times we have senting the government, the brotherto take what we can get, instead of | hoods, and the bondholders, until the what we want. Having told you my latter have been paid off. The day hopes, I will now tell you my fears. may come when the money masters of The masses of our country are this country will wish they had had ignorant and unorganized. More the statesmanship to put that plan than half of them do not vote at all; into operation while there was time. a large percentage value their votes | Concerning such practical details at two doilars each, and the rest take we shall judge according to circumtheir party as they take their God--! stances. What i am trying to do here from their grandfathers. They are is to set forth the guiding principles Interested in baseball and prize fight ; we must keep in mind; first, we wish ing, and jazz, and the doings of the to organize all the workers in each "smart set"; they do not know how industry, and make them class conto think, and they never read any scious, awake to their own interests, thing but the "kept" newspapers and and eager for mastery over the condimagazines, which tell them they are tions of their own labor; and second, the greatest people in the world i we wish to use the power of the state Never in history has there been so to open the books of each industry industrial waste. They will have to elaborate a system for the hoodwink- and expose the profits, cutting down

(Continued from Page 1)

sixteen to twenty-five years of age. inclusive. It also appears that from The signing of this application for on would bind the victim not to twenty-one to twenty-five a member of the League may also be a member it the alleged offense for which as imprisoned. It would give the of the party, and vice versa. Every ment of Justice a stranglehold effort should be made both in the thoughts, beliets and opinions league and the party to encourage with victims for all time to come this overlapping membership. Many of alleged national emer. League members are probably not

aware that the constitution of the par-. . ty provides for a dual Y. P. S. L. theres the victim to swear new to the Constitution of the and S. P. dues stamp by which a mem-States, placing them by impli- ber of both organizations needs not wholly in the position of allene ; pay more for monthly dues than a minals and enemies of the member of the party alone would pay. In addition to this, the national con-- - State-4 s brings out the real reason for stitution of the Y. P. S. L. stipulates, : "permation of the fiction that ["Any member upwards of twenty-one men had forfeited their citizen years of age who has been a mem-. ... fong as this fletion could be ther of the League for one year or more the victims might be must become a member of the Social-

the sign this disgraceful appli- 1 ist Party."

- pardan THE SIGNING OF A second method of securing co-op VPLICATION BY LARGE eration is by the exchange of delegates its OF ESPIONAGE VICTIMS, to the party branch or local from the OVER UP THE MON- League, and from the party branch to SURIME OF THE ENTRY OF i the League. Such delegates would be SITED STATES INTO THE allowed a volce but no vote un all mat-WAR. IT WOULD PLACE lers. The party will benefit by having WAR MAKERS IN THE RIGHT is fresh and youthful point of view THE SIGNATURES OF THEIR presented to it during its councils. and the League will benefit in hav-1.1.5 COULD HAVE BEEN TANTA, ing the experience of older members TO THE SIGNING AWAY in matters of education and organiza-THE SPEECH AND CIVIL tion at its constant disposal. At least two delegates should be sent from CHES IN AMERICA. each organization-one of the party after every other country in : members to help in matters educationwithout to all Espionage vie tal the other in matters of organization. The proper or improper party all the electrical workers throughout act of justice, this cheap and delegates will often decide whether the republic will cease work from 11 the relationship between the League st conspiracy of corrupt poiltiand the party shall be one of active and war makers is carried on in o-operation, one of indifference, or

even of open hostility. s reader of the Appeal should This matter of exchange of fraternal - annesty drive of the Civil delegates may be further carried out . Union This drive aims at by offering the services of the Y. P. a annesty proclamation by the S. I. members on various arrangement cay civil disability that any committees of the party, whether for we War Victim may be sufferilar undertaking. League members to a posult of STATE should offer their ussistance at these affairs as ushers, sellers of literature,

collectors, etc., and tu help decorate the hall or arrange the program at sothe papers print is unintruth. The linportant truth cial functions, or in any other manner on your pocket books

While part of our education in the which he expressed sympathy with the had Socialism everybody movement is derived from books, from original demands of the firitish teachers, and from lectures, we can miners, but refrained from endorsing - 6 have a job. It couldn't be ' set only the theory and the history in the strike.

owing to the enormously increased creators of the business the profits power of the Japanese workingmen they make." when the occasion is offered at the i "Mr. Ford explains that he objects next general election for them to cast to profits so strenuously that he has 10,000,000 votes under the new uni-centered upon more than twenty side-

lines in order to chest other people out of their profits. Why is it right for Mr. Ford to make profits and not for these others to make them?" "Well, Mr Ford outs out some of

the earth."

acked and bitten him.

bur leaders tonight cabled the British the profits." , cut out all of them and so serve the people still more." "I don't like this class talk." "Mr. Ford is creating classes of own-: inated."

The man from Indiana seemed perved Jolts and Jabs

Men work with but one purpose, that they may Find rest and pone at closing of the day. Fortunate is he who fortune wins So he may make work (re he well begins.

Mexico City, May 7 .--- The Mexican Confederation of Labor has taken What a fool the smart fool is! steps to assist the British strikers. Or-

Small souls make large troubles. ders have been issued from headquar-Some folks are happy though hateters in all branches throughout the republic to collect funds for semiling ful to Great Britain. This action was Don't let your nose shine in society.

Weidth is not wealth so long as any taken after in exclusive of callegrams are noor. m which the strongest support, mawithout expense." The longer a man lives the shorter terial and moral, was offered by Mexhis face becomes. Institutions." How often we apologize for wrongs As a protest against the intran-

that others do us? sigent attitude of the British govern-You can't keep a man down, if he ment with relation to organized labor, has a strong breath. Most people think their misfortunes come from doing right. o'clock to noon on Monday. There If you are a working mule prove will be no light, power or street car by kicking the system service or anything else electric dur-It is easier to reduce the pocketbool ing that thee. The probability is that than the sh. the. no British ship will obtain fuel or oil

If the workers were not slaves they at any Mexican port until the British would not have to ask for a job. Another reason why we should smile is that it keeps us from whistling. The class struggle is becoming so The United States is the only coun acute that the master class would sup-

press mention of It. It is the head that is full of bumps that knows how to avoid the bumps In life's road.

Capitulism makes men cowards, and pay the freight. because they are afraid of poverty they shy at the truth. Wouldn't it be terrible if someone should steal the baseball diamond in-

stop the machines while they are ing of a hundred million people; and the share which goes to fighting; they may shoot holes in the they lap up the propaganda, and go owners, and increasing the share factories, and even burn some of to the poils and vote their govern- which goes to the useful workers. them down. And just what will that ment into a branch office of J. P. Mor- These are the two great realities, and we must keep them in sight, and not cost? We are reckoning, you under gan and Company. But all this does not stop the waste time arguing about words.

stand, on our possible double produc Learning is only the art of using ; The issues dug up by the oid parties are like the bones the dog digs upwisdom; but if you are not wise to THE NEW LEADER "He admits that is good. Why not start with, learning will only give you half rotten. A SOCIALIST WEEKLY more words with which to proclaim The banks are going down hill and 10 Pages Each Week your foily. Indispensable to anyone who de-mires is be well pested on the program and activities of the Socialist and Labor Movement here and abread. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle would concannot stop bond issues without committing suicide. fer a favor on the average man ers and workers; and with classes so should be receive information that JAMES ONEAL, Editor All bonds will have to be repudiatcreated, class fredings can't be elim- | men don't grow whiskers in the other Weekly features by Norman Them-as, Modificer Coleman, Adam Coni-digger, Manuel A. BeWitt, etc. ed. The banks do not care, providing world. they may first unload on the people. as they did with those dishonest coun-\$1.00 POR SLX MONTES The Sluggard and the Ant. Bond today for a sample copy tries. France and Italy. Sluggard, who had gone to consid-THE NEW LEADER r the Ant. became involved with him Putting the people in debt means in a dispute as to which was the 7 Bast 15th Street New York City trouble for the people for a time. But Wiser. after the process has gone far enough "Man rules the earth, and all that it means trouble for the masters. ives is in terror of him," said the Two Books That You Want Siuggard. The money you deposit in the banks "Oh, I don't know," repiled the is loaned to build factories in forat a Bargain Price Ant. "He rules only the surface of eign countries, so that your wages THE AMERICAN SAPERE--By Scott Nearing (cloth) Regular Price \$1.95 the earth, and only a small part of may be forced down. that. The Ant, on the other hand, digs into the earth, and finds there his shelter, his heat in winter and All the charity drives are intended

mildness in summer, and builds within to care for the victims of the profit system; and they do not begin to do "But Man has his governments and "Well, the Ants have their generals Voting for capitalism enslaves you; and make them slaves. They have but voting for plutocracy enslaves their drones and work most of the colony to death. I don't see that you your children. have the better of us in this." "But you are pests," declared the liow much do you own? Precious little How much do you owe? The Sluggard, "while man is the glory of public debt, and also all the stocks and bonds of all commercial enter-"You call us pests because we make

prises, on which you are expected to you support us by what you raise. pay dividends. The nuch you owe And an Ant can lift ten times what a explains how little you own. man can in proportion to its size." "Ouch!" The Ant had at

The worst enemy of private property is the system which causes 90 What is that about asking bread per cent of the people to die paupers. and getting a stone? The farmer asked The best friend of private property relief from piratical freight rates, and would be Socialism which would give is offered a chance to borrow money to all a chance to possess It.

If Socialism would be the failure They who voted the old party ballots are getting what was coming to its enemies try to make out, still it them; but all they have learned is to would not be the wasteful failure that the profit system is. touch the red hot poker again.

THE WORKERS IN AMBRICAN MG-TORY-By James O'Neal (Editor of the New Leader) (Gloth) Begular Price \$1.00 BOTH FOR \$1.56 POSTPAID Write for Complete Catalog RAND BOOK STORE 7 East 15th Street New York City Put Your Dollars in CHICAGO'S LABOR BANK where the national office of the Soclahist party does its Banking. Efficient Service in Every Branch of Modern Benking. Amalgamated

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try in the world that has not reported unanimous support of the British strike by the organized workers. President Green of the American Federation of Labor gave out an interwhich the occasion may demand, view in Washington, D. C., May 4 in

stead of just the base?

## American Appeal

# Strike Marked By Solidarity and Discipline

By Norman E. Ewer (Forsign Editor, London Daily Herald, Leading British Labor and Soclalist Paper.)

London. May 5 .-. "The stoppage is complete," says the official announcement of the Trade Union Council. That summarizes the situation. Front one end of the country to an other the general strike call of the Trade Union Council has been answered with unanimity and enthusiasm, surpassing even the most confident expectations. The Trade Union Council call has been answered by the railroad workers, transport workers, including the dockers, the iron and steel workers, except those directly engaged in housing, construction, and the printing workers.

As a result yesterday and this morn ing but twenty trains, carrying essential gravis and foodstuffs, ran. The docks are all ldle. The tram

and hus services of every town is shut down, except for a few scab buses.

With the exception of two or three local provincial sheets not a single newspaper was printed yesterday. The government has published "The British Bulletin," volunteer labor printed the Morning Thmes and Post as a small lithographed sheet. This afternoon the Trade Union Conacil replled with "The British Worker," a strike bulletin printed in the Daily Herald plant.

The enthusiasm among the workers is amazing. The trouble is not to bring the workers out but to keep in those as yet not ordered on strike.

Complete order prevails every where. The only untoward incidents have been of the most trivial character. Yet the government is already drafting troops for mining and other workingclass areas. This and the enrollment of "volunteers" may, unless handled most carefully, prove provocative and lead to trouble

London streets these mornings present a most extraordinary spectacle. From all bourgedis suburbs thousands of small cars stream in so numerously that they have effectively choked all roads. Car owners coming four and five miles often take two hours to make the trip. They were hopelessly outdistanced by workers plodding on foot.

Except for making of business by putting t a people in debt still deeper there would be nothing doing in Amerlca right now

Half the judges ought to be in prison, and half the prisoners freed.

There are never too many laws until after the master class has got all it wants.

Australian Labor Party Calls Peace introduced, providing it be of joint Inter-Pacific Importance and is notified in time for its inclusion in the Agenda of the Conference. "Business for the Agenda should reach me by 1st July, 1926. "The basis of representation at the Conference is not fixed or arbitary, but it is expected that the delegates from organizations participating will be credentialed by the Chief Executive of their Organizations, and be financed by their respective organizations."

### What Wall Street Thinks About the Big British Strike

(The following is from Roger Rabson's "Confidential Bullettic, No. 1-264." Bab-son was for years a Wall Street opera-for and for a monitor of years has been publishing contabilities reports for a large ablishing contability avesting circutele)

Clients must not under-estimate the possibilities of the struggle in England." This crisis has been years in developing and both sides are well prepared to fight. The real aim of the strikers is, as we have stated for sev eral months, an entire reorganization of British industry with labor having a first lien on all profits, a wider distribution of wealth and an increase in the standards of living. Nationalization of key industries with control of

the government by the extreme element in the Labor Party would be the means to this end. Unless something should happen to bring the strike to an early conclusion. It must inevitably develop into a real revolution. Instead of lasting a few days or a few weeks as most people expect, it may extend for months. In fact although we all hope for an early solu-

tion, before the struggle is over we may see it sweep western Europe. Considerable liquidation of securi ties holdings by both English and Continental Investors is Inevitable. If the London Stock Exchange closes, it will throw the main burden on the New York market. In any event, the market for British and, in fact, all European securities will be depressed. I The dauger of such sudden crises has been one of the reasons why we have arged client- to keep out of the stock market, and continue to hold their funds in liquid form. Moreover, it shows why we have not recommembed purchase of European Securities. In our Barometer Letter last October we named three powder kers In Europe "(I) The instability of new European Republics, 121 the prospeet of social revolution in England. and (3) the smoldering revolution in Italy." One of these kegs has now exploded.

There are so many issues hinging on the robbery of the workers in a ble way that the Republican and Democratle parties have agreed to make the tariff the issue so that the workers will not look at what really concerns them.

The wages system has made the musters so hypocritical that they themselves do not know when they are deceiving themselves.

It would seem to be bad enough to Meet in Honolulu rob the people into powerty, without kicking them afterward by declaring

### Undermining British Capitalism





London News Dispatch-"For centuries the men who have mined the seams of coal thousands of feet underground have been working for the owners of the peaceful meadows above them."

The Collapse of Capitalism

#### By Covington Hall

"Hammering and thundering at the front door of every higbusiness council hall in the world is this commanding, domineering question demanding an answer-soon. On the walls of these council halls great bankers, nianufacturers and railway kings read: "The Collapse of Capitalism"," George R. Kirkpatrick in the Amer lcan Appeal, 130-1926.

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"Whore of Babylon" so reeling to her death,

# British Labor Uncovers the **Real Issue**

The International Socialist Bulletin report of the recent conference of the Independent Labor Party of Great Britain brings out the interesting fact that the pivotal action of this conference was the adoption after a hot debate by a large majority of the new central Issue upon which Socialist tactics activities and propaganda in Great Britain is to be based in a drive to get "Socialism in our day."

The issue selected was the demand for a minimum wage for the family in Great Britain. This issue is expressed in an-

other way by the independent Labor Party: WAGES SHALL CON-STITUTE THE FIRST CHARGE ON INDUSTRY. This Issue was chosen, because de

adent British capitalism has reached the point where the basic industries have begun to break down to such an extent that they will not or cannot pay a living wage.

This breakdown is following from the chronic and incurable disorders of the capitalist system. The coal industry is breaking down because of uncontrolled production, waste, and uncontrollable market fluctuations under the present system.

Other industries are moving toward a similar breakdown from lack of national co-ordination in production and distribution, competitive waste, SYSTEM.

As the present decaying system falls more and more to pay a living wage, or to furnish work for the workers, THE ISSUE ADOPTED BY THE SO TALISTS OF GREAT BRITAIN MUST BECOME THE CENTRAL IS-SUE OF SOCIALISM AND LABOR ALL OVER THE WORLD. VANTAGE OF MEETING THE SU-PREME NEED OF THE TIMES AND Stand. Oil of N. J. 114,000,000 OF TYING TOGETHER IN AN IN- Ford Motor DISSOLUBLE UNION SOCIALISM PERM R. R. AND ORGANIZED LABOR. it is evaculy what both movements must fight for IN FIGHTING FOR Santa Fe THEIR LIVES AND THE LIFE OF CIVILIZATION. The realization of this demand CAN

REALIZATION OF SOCIALISM.

THIS DEMAND WITHOUT FUNDA. MENTAL REORGANIZATION INTO SOCIALISM.

The British Socialists have chosen their supreme issue with true instinct and wisdom.

They made this choice just before the present great coal strike thrust the whole British Labor movement on to the basis of this issue.

It is the movement which last sale pre-vision of events, this philos juy of development, and that organized for it, that will inevitably take the is of in the struggle now precipitated.

THE BRITISH STRIKE IS A SO-CIALIST STRIKE. IT IS A PART OF THE SOCIALIST PROCESS. 17 NAY BE A STEP TOWARD SOCIALISM OR IT MAY 60 THE WHOLE DIS. TANCE.

15 Corporations Take **Billion Dollar Swag** 

By Leland Olds, Federated Press More than a billion dollars in ho fu vas taken by 15 corporations at 1925,

according to The Wall Street Jamal These 15 companies presented their owners with \$1,067,906,681, a 1. . of 16 per cent over 1924 when their profits totaled \$919,919,761. Of the 1925 total, \$894.666

mained for the owners of concon stock after all deductions such 10terest and preferred dividends and the par value of their common store was Ined at \$4,568,712,606 the montage return on investment was 17% per cent. No allowance is made here for

the inflation through stock dividends. Such huge profits enabled those conporations to pay dividends averaging 8 per cent and at the same time add lack of productive control: THE IN- \$436,214,727 to accumulated surgius CREASING SURPLUS WHICH OVER | profits. These undivided profits total FLOWS ALL THE LIMITATIONS OF \$3,315,490,032, more than three man P.R.E.S.E.N.T. MARKETS AND ters of the par value of the contains THREATENS TO SUBMERGE THE stock. Surpluses are available tor only for extending the property with-

out other cash investment but also for paying dividends during derressions. The 15 corporations, with the r 1/25 profits and the percentages of our mon stock: are:

Profits in 1925 Amount Am. Tel. & Tel. . . \$129.036.324 General Mators . . 116,016,277 42 191 94.560.00 54:0 86.542.060 117 N. Y. Central. 78,501,105 Southern Pacific . 60.657.41. 57,404,653 Baltimore & Ohlo 47,435,959 121 General Electric . 40,566.914 294 Consol. Gas., N. Y. 37,051.85% 115 MEAN NOTHING LESS THAN THE Du Pont ..... 36.836.35× 303 Bethleitem Steel . 26,9-3.75 CAPITALISM CANNOT MEET Woolworth ..... 24.601.765

# America Bankrupt---Has More Stocks and Bonds Outstanding Than Property

#### By Lincoln Phifer.

Stork mark t reports printed in the of industries that were already in ex- thousand million dollars of NEW -+ Stock marks t reports printed in the dist. new five years ago. It is probable curities," issued against the weath of Kansas City Star April 3 throws new light on the amount of capitalization that these stock issues to old company would equal if not exceed the "securities" issued since the spanes would equal if not exceed the "securities" issued since the spanes to of the twentieth century who the and at the same time make it neces-And further, the figures given above sfirst great reorganization period te sary that I revise my former estimate et one hundred thousand million dol (ENTIRELY OMIT BOND ISSUES, Un e son, he will find that the t to corhars as the minount of Indehtedness, der the new financiering bond issues perate paper, plus all the net this that have been imposed on the Americ' almost always accompany stock becan people without their knowledge or sites. One may obtain a basis for estimating the bond issues from a para- like FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND i ensent. The Star report says: "Capitaliza, graph found in the report already quoted in part from the Kansas City 1 tion of 889 new enterprises incorpo-Star it is said: rated in March aggregated \$748,594,-"New security issues by corpora. In, is around THREE HUNDARD tions last month totaled 301 million | THOUSAND MILLION DOLLARS New, compared with \$906,402,000, represented by 916 companies in March last dollars, 51 million less than in Februyear, and \$2,675,185,000 distributed RUPT. among \$56 in February this year." Let pary, 241 million less than in January and 23 million less than in March, us add together the official statement of stocks issued during the first three 1925." According to this report, the new months of 1926: bond issues for March were 3ul RUPT. .\$ 745,504,800 . 2,675,185,099 . ........... Moreh February Jactuary (51 callion dollare owte than in March, as fold in the report) million dollars: for February, 352 million dollars: for January, 542 million 799.504.000 dellars; total for the three months, 1.175 million doilars. Estimating the bond issues on the same basis for five ance for 1925 was in direct proportion years before, we have a total of \$4.2 to the rate so far this year, then the Tow million a year and 23,300 millions total issued last year must have been for the five years before. Add to this where 13 Catholic students were ex. four times this sum, or about \$16. the total stock issues, we have a pelled for violating the ruling, has 492,775,200. The orgy of stock expangrand total of \$111.857,071.800. This some to the State Supreme Court of sion has been in progress for five is almost twelve billion dollars more append. Suits have been brought in years. Counting five times this amount than my former estimate. New York. Colorado and Ohlo to re- we have \$82.363,876,000; and adding But all this omits from considerastrain local school boards from en- to this the issues for the first quarter tion two important elements. First of forcing religious instruction rulings, of 1926, the total amounts to \$36.557. these is that it refers ENTIRELY to Compulsory patriotic exercises in pub- u71.800. My estimate was one hunpapers issued by NEW corporations. lle schools are being enforced in New dred thousand million dollars. if to this be added the new paper York, Washington and Colorado, in But this is clearly too small. It will against corporations that were in exwach of which pupils have been er- be noticed that the issues for March Istence five years ago, then the total port on academic freedom by the pellod or threatened with expulsion are lower than for March, 1925, much amount must be fully twice as large or that for yourself. It is quite evident American Civil Liberties Union. A for refusing to salute the flag. Offers lower than for February, 1926, and two hundred thousand million dollars. that the staff correspondent of the of legal assistance from the Civil also lower than for January, 1926. The second element omlited is the Star, whom it was thought advailed lature in February was signed by the Liberties I'nion have been refused by Since the expose of the Appeal and fact that all the old corporations, in members of a religious cult in Washother papers, there has been a marked existence before 1920, were already slowing up in the issuances of stocks. capitalized; It has been charged open- days ago that the speculators do fr Colorado courts by attorneys of the Besides, this estimate is based enly that many of them were overcap- cent decline of stocks had draffed Union. University authorities in Callthely upon the issuances of stock- italized. Bond issues were out against literally "BILLIONS."

to NEW enterprises. It leaves wholly practically all of them. out of consideration the reorganization ( ) If one shall add to the two but hid

A peace conterence of labor in all countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean the third week in November this year has been called by the Austraisin Labor party.

ture and purpose of this proposed meeting have been sent to the Amerlean Federation of Labor, many affiliated unions and the Socialist party of the United States and also to labor and Socialist organizations, in other countries bordering on the Pacific, by D. L. McNamara, secretary of the Anstralian Labor party.

All-Australian Trades Union Congress in 1921. It is as follows:

#### Resolution

istic; and

the Conferences of Washington and between representatives of mill own. Sweet Land Genoa as responsible for merely a reduces and strikers was called off by the alignment of warlike alliances; and governor when he learned that Albert "Whereas, despite all the disarma- Weisbord, strike leader, had been ment measures, increased prepara- chosen as negotiator for the United tions for war are being made in the Front Committee.

world's laboratories and factories;

"Whereas we fear that another war i quarter million dollars has been raised to end war will end civilization, cul- hy the Joint Connective for Defense ture and progress: and

"Whereas International working, with which to continue its fight for class action is essential for the pres- free speech and the right of peaceful ervation of permanent peace----

This Congress declares its uncom- campaigning for a \$1,000,000 bail promising hostility to all forms of faud. to prevent war by linking up with Passaie to its members. The cases signs, methods, and machinations of by the international Labor Defense. Capitalistic Governments, and as a The cases of Robert Dunn, Esther step in this direction, this Congress; Lowell, William Kurek, David Welninstructs the Council of Action to con- stein and Robert Wolf, arrested for vane a Pan-Pacific Congress of work- i not moving fast enough after the riot

Ing-class organizations." In his letter, Secretary McNamara will be defended by the intersays:

"The object of the proposed Confers Civil Liberties Union. Cases involvonce is to bring together the repre- ing free speech, including the arrest sations from countries.bordering on hold a test meeting in Garfield, will Pacific.

"in addition, to the question of fulon and the United Front Commit- ralitive, Peace and Wur, any business may be tee.

that the people cannot rule themand vers A communications explaining the na- Seek to Enjoin

# Passaic Muzzlers

Passuic, N. J. Attorneys for the Civil Laborties Union are, preparing The resolution authorizing this to apply for an injunction to restricin Pacific conference was passed by the Bergen County officials from finterfering with free speech and free assemblage. Since the declaration of "riot faw" in Bergen County and the

closing of halls in Passaic, strikers to be in the nature of things capital offered by Mayor Samuel Nelkin of

Wallington A mediation conference ! "Whereas we view with suspicion arranged by Governor A. Harry Moore |

With the New Jersey textlle strike

Anti-evolution bills, announced as in its fourteenth week, more than a the goal of the Bible Crusaders of America, were introduced in three southern state legislatures in the first for Passaic Strikers as a bail fund four months of 1926, according to a reassemblage. The Joint Committee is bill enacted by the Mississippi legis-

governor in March. The Civil Libermilitarism and war, and urgently calls The Joint Committee has assigned ties Union, which opposed the bill inston. Action will be brought in upon the workers to at once organize different portions of legal defense in from the first, has offered to assist any taxpayer in a sult to enjoin the each other in order to oppose the de- of arrested strikers will be handled expenditure of public funds in enforcement of the statute. Similar bills were killed in Virginia and Kentucky. The Atlanta, Ga. Board of Education adopted in February a resolution condemuing the teaching of evolution in act had been read in Bergen County. public schools and appointing a com-

mittee to report names of "guilty" national Labor Defense and the teachers. In Texas the state Textbook Board ordered references to evolution removed from public schools sentative of Labor and other Organi of Norman Thomas for attempting to texts. A clause forbidding the teach ing of "partisan politics, disrespect the Pacific Ocean with a view of ar-i be hundled by the Civil Liberties for the itible, and that ours is an inriving at a better understanding in Uniou. Efforts to secure a Congress ferior form of government" was respect to the future peace of the sional investigation will be left to the struck from the District of Columbia

cooperation of the Civil Liberties appropriation bill by the House Com-A test case sgainst a compulsory expenses have doubled.

And all the world was poisoned by her fetal dying breath; The rottenness long in her bones surged outward thru her skin. And o'er her painted features broke the syphilis of sin-

I heard the panie in her court, the raging and distress, And, sharing at the Coning Age, her loathsome jackal press i saw her boasted wise men fail, her Kuos and Captalus fall. The acld test of destiny found wanting one and all.

The cloth of gold and purple that so long had hid her form. lake mes-were stript and scattered by the World War's mighty storm; of Free Speech The tingel from her forchead gone, her eves bloodshot in terror of her terror stood Starvation's petted child The tinsel from her forchead gone, her eyes bloodshot and wild,

> Her power born of violence no longer served her will, Her every word bred woe for her, her every act brought III: Unsung, unwept, all-hated, curst, the frightened Demon went, The cycle of her evil closed, her reign of fury spent

Amid the cheers of millions, lo! she staggered to her tomb, Thru rapine, blood and fumine plunged the Great Beast to her doom; And everywhere, in all the lauds, where'er her death knell tolled, "Whereas we believe another war have been holding meetings on lots Triumphant thru the New World's dawn the drums of Freedom rolled!

> Bible reading law in Faith S. D. of Liberty

fornia, New York, Illinds and Connecticut, according to the report, have nunlshed students who opposed milltury drill, criticized the faculty, or printed in student publications articles objectionable to business men In neighboring industries.

Jack: Gosh, how did you get that ink all over yourself?

Sid: I was writing an essay on automobiles and it was so realistic that my fountain pen backfired.

Nurse: Twins, sir, as pretty a boy and girl as I ever laid eyes on.

Father: I might have known it.

Ever since I've been married all my

state and municipal bonds to a substanding, will aggregate southast MILLION DOLLARS.

The estimated wealth of all the United States and all the people to te It means that YOU ARE PANS-

But it means afsor that the formated financiers have overstepped to me selves and THEY ALSO ARE PASS

The bankers know it, too. The s indicated by recent events. The corr publication of a few of the faile a the American Appeal and a few other publications threw the specular distance a panle. The same official steels man ket report printed in the Kan-as for Star, to which allusion has already been made, says further:

been made, says further: "Standard statistics index of the Fok market, emitracing 232 stocks, of 26 A decline of 176 points from the Fok 1926 to March 29. The index (Fok that date was 130. This figure of 35 above the low of 1925. The Litzer de-cline from the high, in any cost of stocks, was in the average for even chair store companies, which be be for stocks, was in the average for even chair store companies, which be be for stocks, was in the average for even chair store companies, which be be for stores for 347.1. Mail order states and drouped 54 points; automotion of wates, 54, food company shares 1 affer tomolate 32; Petroleum, 11; th cover racts, 10.6."

I shall not analyze this report De to send to Washington for some rea son, was right when he declared a f #

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